



## **Harm Reduction Committee**

A Needle Exchange Advocacy Committee was started by the Leeds & Grenville & Lanark District health Unit to initiate, develop and support a pharmacy based needle exchange program. It has now developed into a more broad based, proactive, Harm Reduction Network, in part responding to the CCENDU/HEP project that the Safe Community Coalition undertook in Brockville, Leeds & Grenville last year.

CCENDU/HEP (Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use / Health, Education & Enforcement in Partnership) is part of a Canada-wide epidemiology project co-coordinated by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse in 17 Canadian cities. The year long CCENDU/HEP project identified the need for a natural partnership with the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, Brockville Police Service, local Addiction Agencies and other like organizations to assess issues of substance use and abuse in Leeds & Grenville and to develop an ongoing action plan.